

17.47 hrs.

Title: Regarding successful test flight of Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV).

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE)* : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं सदन को एक खुशखबरी देना चाहता हूँ।

Sir, I would like to inform the House of the successful second test flight of the indigenously made Geo-Synchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV), launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota just a few minutes ago. The experimental communication satellite, GSAT-2, was injected precisely into its planned geo-synchronous transfer orbit.

This is a matter of great pride for all Indians. I am sure, the House would join me in congratulating all the personnel of the Indian Space Research Organisation and its associated research laboratories and industrial units for reaching yet another landmark in space.

The Minister of State for Space will make a fuller statement in the House later.

* Also placed in Library. See No. LT 7716/2003

The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow, the 9th May, 2003 at 11 a.m.

18.42 hrs.

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock
on Friday, May 9, 2003/Vaisakha 19, 1925 (Saka).*
